

REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 12, 2005 and the Final Office Action dated June 28, 2005, claims 11, 26, 28 and 31 are amended. Claims 11-14 and 26-31 are now active in this application. No new matter has been added.

The indication that claims 28 and 29 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims is acknowledged and appreciated. By this response, claim 28 is amended to be in independent form including all the limitations of base claim 26. Thus, amended claim 28, and claim 29 depending from amended claim 28, are believed to be allowable.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 11-14, 26-27 and 30-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Fukushima (USPN 6,115,561).

The Examiner contends that in Fukushima, toner densities that are transferred to a paper to form an image are a quality of image in the image formed by the printer and thus, a deviation of tone intensity is considered a quantity of image distortion in the image formed by a printer. Consequently, the Examiner asserts "Unless the Applicants further specify the "quantity of image distortion" to distinguish it from the above interpretation, the Examiner considers Fukushima reasonable and properly meet the claimed limitation."

To expedite prosecution, independent claims 11, 26 and 31 are amended to delineate that "the image distortion corrected includes at least one of magnification distortion, bow distortion and skew distortion." Since Fukushima does not disclose that image distortion corrected includes at least one of magnification distortion, bow distortion and skew distortion, amended

independent claims 11, 26 and 31 are patentable over Fukushima, as are dependent claims 12-14, 27 and 30.

Consequently the allowance of claims 11-14, 26, 27 and 31, as amended, is respectfully solicited.

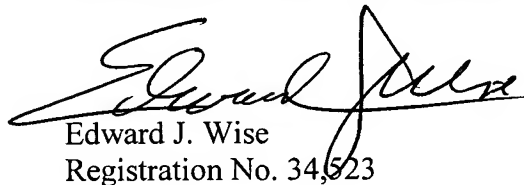
CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is urged that the application, as now amended, overcomes the rejection of record and is in condition for allowance. Entry of the amendment and favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended, are respectfully requested. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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